

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A shopping cart having a front and a back and configured to carry a rider, the shopping cart comprising:
 - 5 a molded body defining a basket portion and a seat portion, the seat portion formed to orient the rider in a forward-looking position;
 - a basket at least partially disposed within the basket portion and defining a bottom, the bottom positioned substantially in front of and below the seat portion;
 - a frame coupled to the molded body; and
- 10 a plurality of wheels coupled to the frame.
2. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the seat portion includes a rear wall, a first side wall, and a second side wall, each wall being at least partially defined by the molded body.
- 15 3. The shopping cart of claim 2, further comprising a panel coupled to the molded body to define a front wall of the seat chamber.
4. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the molded body is formed from a material that includes plastic.
- 20 5. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the plurality of wheels includes six wheels.

6. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the basket includes a first basket side and a second basket side and the molded body includes a first body side and a second body side, the first body side disposed in a covering relationship with at least a portion of the first basket side and the second body side disposed in a covering relationship with at least 5 a portion of the second basket side.

7. The shopping cart of claim 6, wherein the first body side covers at least about 10 percent of the first basket side and the second body side covers at least about 10 percent of the second basket side.

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8. The shopping cart of claim 6, wherein the first body side covers at least about 40 percent of the first basket side and the second body side covers at least about 40 percent of the second basket side.

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9. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the basket includes a wire-mesh basket supported by the body.

10. The shopping cart of claim 9, wherein the basket is fixedly attached to the body.

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11. The shopping cart of claim 1, wherein the body is formed to resemble a theme.

12. A shopping cart comprising:
 - a body defining a front, a rear, a seat portion, and a basket portion;
 - a seat back at least partially defining the seat portion, the seat back oriented such that the seat faces the front;
 - 5 a basket at least partially disposed within the basket portion, the basket defining a basket bottom disposed below the seat back; and
 - at least three wheels coupled to the body.
13. The shopping cart of claim 12, wherein the body is molded from a plastic material.
14. The shopping cart of claim 12, wherein the seat back is integrally formed as part of the body.
15. 15. The shopping cart of claim 12, further comprising a panel coupled to the body, the panel and the seat back cooperating to at least partially define the seat portion.
16. The shopping cart of claim 15, wherein the panel is selectively removable from the body.
- 20 17. The shopping cart of claim 12, wherein the basket includes a wire-mesh basket supported by the body.
18. The shopping cart of claim 17, wherein the basket is fixedly attached to the body.

19. The shopping cart of claim 12, wherein the basket includes a first basket side and a second basket side and the body includes a first body side and a second body side, the first body side disposed in a covering relationship with at least a portion of the first basket side and the second body side disposed in a covering relationship with at least 5 a portion of the second basket side.

20. The shopping cart of claim 19, wherein the first body side covers at least about 10 percent of the first basket side and the second body side covers at least about 10 percent of the second basket side.

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21. The shopping cart of claim 19, wherein the first body side covers at least about 40 percent of the first basket side and the second body side covers at least about 40 percent of the second basket side.

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22. The shopping cart of claim 12, wherein the body is formed to substantially resemble a theme.

23. A shopping cart comprising:
a body defining a front, a rear, a seat portion, and a basket portion;
a seat back at least partially defining the seat portion, the seat back positioned
adjacent the rear and oriented such that the seat portion faces the front;
5 a basket at least partially disposed within the basket portion, the basket portion
positioned adjacent the front; and
at least three wheels coupled to the body.

24. The shopping cart of claim 23, wherein the body is molded from a plastic
10 material.

25. The shopping cart of claim 23, wherein the seat back is integrally formed as
part of the body.

15 26. The shopping cart of claim 23, further comprising a panel coupled to the
body, the panel and the seat back cooperating to at least partially define the seat portion.

27. The shopping cart of claim 26, wherein the panel is selectively removable
from the body.

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28. The shopping cart of claim 23, wherein the basket includes a wire-mesh
basket supported by the body.

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29. The shopping cart of claim 28, wherein the basket is fixedly attached to the
body.

30. The shopping cart of claim 23, wherein the body is formed to substantially resemble a theme.

31. A shopping cart comprising:
- a molded plastic body defining a front, a rear, a basket portion adjacent the front, and a seat chamber adjacent the rear, the seat chamber defining a substantially rectangular perimeter including a rear wall, a first side wall, and a second side wall, each of the walls
- 5 at least partially defined by the molded plastic body;
- a panel coupled to the molded body to at least partially define a front wall of the seat chamber;
- a basket at least partially disposed within the basket portion;
- a frame coupled to the molded body; and
- 10 a plurality of wheels coupled to the frame.
32. The shopping cart of claim 31, wherein the seat portion is oriented to face the front.
- 15 33. The shopping cart of claim 31, wherein the rear wall, the first side wall, and the second side wall are integrally formed as part of the body.
34. The shopping cart of claim 31, wherein the panel is selectively removable from the body.
- 20 35. The shopping cart of claim 31, wherein the basket includes a wire-mesh basket supported by the body.
36. The shopping cart of claim 35, wherein the basket is fixedly attached to the
- 25 body.

37. The shopping cart of claim 31, wherein the molded plastic body is formed to resemble a theme.